

Soli Deo Gloria

To God Alone be the Glory



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Order of Worship

Call to Worship & Prayer of Praise

Psalm 56

Be gracious to me, O God, for man tramples on me;
all day long an attacker oppresses me;
my enemies trample on me all day long, for many attack me proudly.

**When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise,
in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me?**

You have kept count of my tossings; put my tears in your bottle.
Are they not in your book?
Then my enemies will turn back in the day when I call.

This I know, that God is for me.

**In God, whose word I praise, in the LORD, whose word I praise,
in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me?**

I must perform my vows to you, O God;
I will render thank offerings to you.

**For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,
that I may walk before God in the light of life.**

Hymns of Praise

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION (*Hymn #456*)

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When thro' fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, tho' all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!"

HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW (*Hymn #93*)

Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,
Why should my heart be lonely, and long for heav'n and home,
When Jesus is my portion? My constant Friend is He:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

*I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.*

“Let not your heart be troubled,” His tender word I hear,
And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;
Though by the path He leadeth, but one step I may see;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.
Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,
When songs give place to sighing, when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him, from care He sets me free;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me

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Scripture Reading

1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-16

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. Aft And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the heart of man imagined,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For who knows a person's thoughts except the

spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. ¹³ And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴ The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

¹⁵ The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. ¹⁶ “For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

Hymn of Response

THE POWER OF THE CROSS (Hymn #232)

Oh, to see the dawn Of the darkest day: Christ on the road to Calvary.

Tried by sinful men, Torn and beaten, then Nailed to a cross of wood.

This, the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us,

Took the blame, bore the wrath: We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain Written on Your face Bearing the awesome weight of sin;

Every bitter thought, Every evil deed Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

This, the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us,

Took the blame, bore the wrath: We stand forgiven at the cross.

Now the daylight flees, Now the ground beneath Quakes as its Maker bows His head.

Curtain torn in two, Dead are raised to life; “Finished!” the victory cry.

This, the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us,

Took the blame, bore the wrath: We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see my name Written in the wounds, For through Your suffering I am free.

Death is crushed to death, Life is mine to live, Won through Your selfless love.

This, the power of the cross: Son of God, slain for us.

What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

Scripture Reading

DANIEL 2:31-45

“You saw, O king, and behold, a great image. This image, mighty and of exceeding brightness, stood before you, and its appearance was frightening. ³² The head of this image was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its middle and thighs of bronze, ³³ its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. ³⁴ As you looked, a stone was cut out by no human hand, and it struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. ³⁵ Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold, all together were broken in pieces, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, so that not a trace of them could be found. But the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

³⁶ “This was the dream. Now we will tell the king its interpretation. ³⁷ You, O king, the king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, and the might, and the glory, ³⁸ and into whose hand he has given, wherever they dwell, the children of man, the beasts of the field, and the birds of the heavens, making you rule over them all—you are the head of gold. ³⁹ Another kingdom inferior to you shall arise after you, and yet a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth. ⁴⁰ And there shall be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron, because iron breaks to pieces and shatters all things. And like iron that crushes, it shall break and crush all these. ⁴¹ And as you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, it shall be a divided kingdom, but some of the firmness of iron shall be in it, just as you saw iron mixed with the soft clay. ⁴² And as the toes of the feet were partly iron and partly clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly brittle. ⁴³ As you saw the iron mixed with soft clay, so they will mix with one another in marriage, but they will not hold together, just as iron does not mix with clay. ⁴⁴ And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever, ⁴⁵ just as you saw that a stone was cut from a mountain by no human hand, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold. A great God has made known to the king what shall be after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation sure.”

Sermon

“Chapter 4: Working in the Dark”

I. GOD’S PROMISES IN THE DARK

A. The Son of the Woman will... (Genesis 3:15)

- ...C_____ the S_____

B. The Son of Abraham will... (Genesis 12:1-3)

- ...B_____ the N_____

C. The Son of David will... (2 Samuel 7:12-16)

- ...R_____ F_____

II. GOD’S WORK IN THE DARK (Daniel 2)

A. Repairing the Sons of Abraham

- Through King Josiah of Judah (2 Kings 22-23)

R_____ & R_____ the Jews

- Through King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon (2 Kings 25)

S_____ them around the W_____

- Through King Cyrus of Persia (Ezra 1)

R_____ the T_____

B. Preparing the Nations

- Through Alexander the Great of Greece (Daniel 8)

U_____ the World (Common L_____)

- Through Caesar Augustus of Rome (Luke 2)

P_____ the World (Safe P_____)

III. GOD’S WISDOM IN THE DARK (1 Corinthians 2)

Hymn of Response

BE STILL, MY SOUL (*Hymn #514*)

Be still, my soul, the Lord is on thy side
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain
Leave to thy God to order and provide
In every change He faithful will remain
Be still, my soul, thy best thy heavenly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still my soul, thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past
Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake
All now mysterious shall be bright at last
Be still, my soul, the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul, the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord.
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored
Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last!

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Doxology & Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
born of the virgin Mary.
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
on the third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The MSBC Church Covenant

In the presence of God and of men, confessing Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, and relying on the help of the Holy Spirit, we joyfully and solemnly covenant with each other:

- Habitually to observe secret prayer
- Devoutly to study the Scriptures and teach them to our children
- Heartily to sustain the work and worship of the Church
- Faithfully to observe the ordinance of the Lord's Supper
- To walk together in brotherly love and exercise a Christian care and watchfulness over one another
- To aid as God shall prosper us in supporting a faithful ministry
- To seek as we have opportunity to lead others to Jesus Christ
- To live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world, abstaining from whatever is unbecoming the Christian profession

Preparing Our Hearts & Receiving the Bread and Cup

Closing Hymn

IT IS WELL (*Hymn #447*)

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say, It is well, it is well, with my soul.

*It is well, with my soul...It is well, with my soul,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate, And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.

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Benediction